

Meeting summary for Himba AGM Zoom Meeting (11/13/2024)

The meeting started at 7:35.

Attending were:

Jennifer Armstrong, Peggy Kabush, Rob White, Tom Rutherford, Tig Cross, Sasha LeBaron, Cam Duke, Martin Drinnan, William Wood-McDonnell

Quick recap

The team discussed their AGM and the success of the Island Cup collaboration. They also discussed the challenges and potential solutions for managing trail work on Hornby Island. Lastly, they addressed the issue of a man living in a van on Crown land near a creek crossing.

Next steps

- Tig to send the board a link to the online complaint form for the natural resource officer regarding the encampment issue.
- Tig to provide coordinates for the location of the encampment to board members.
- Trail Works Committee to discuss bringing in an expert for trail building workshops, particularly for woodwork.
- Board to explore options for involving off-island volunteers in summer trail work, focusing on carpentry and rock work sessions.
- Himba to consider organizing a trail worker manager course for core volunteers.
- Will to connect with Cory from Mountain City Cycles about potentially assisting with trail building expertise.
- Board to review the possibility of hiring contractors to teach trail building techniques, especially for projects like "Your Mom" trail.

Summary

Himba's Activities and Trail Builds Update

Jennifer opened the meeting by acknowledging the late start and welcoming everyone. She then provided an update on Himba's activities, highlighting the success of the Island Cup collaboration, the Himba Enduro, and the Himba Cup in July. She also mentioned the new trail builds and reroutes on Hornby Island, which Himba is excited to take over. Jennifer also noted the regular monthly trail build days and the upcoming trail builds. She then asked Rob to provide a brief overview of Himba's presence at the farmers market during the summer.

Treasurer's Report and Social Media Discussion

Jennifer, Peg, and Himba discussed the treasurer's financial report. Peg confirmed that she had sent the report and added up the expenses, which came to \$17,000. Jennifer then moved to accept the treasurer's minutes, which was seconded by Tig. Tig then presented his

executive director's report, highlighting his transition to a paid position and the success of the bike race. He also discussed the challenges and benefits of managing the club's social media accounts, noting that Instagram reaches a younger audience while Facebook reaches an older demographic. Tig concluded by stating that the exploration of social media platforms is ongoing.

Tig's ED Role

Tig reported on his role in formalizing the relationship with the Regional District and working on insurance packages. He mentioned that the terms of reference between the Regional District and Himba are almost finalized, outlining the procedure for trail work and ownership. Tig also discussed his engagement with the Mountain Bike, BC organization for advocacy and promotion.

Market Discussion

Rob White reported on the success of the market, which created awareness and sold merchandise, profiting around \$7,000. He also mentioned reducing 2022 inventory and planning for future inventory management to avoid carrying over unsold items.

Trail Signage Issues and Solutions

In the meeting, the group discussed trail signage issues on the island. Rob mentioned that Daniel, who is responsible for the trail signage, plans to spend 3 days on the island in late November to correct, modify, and add new signs. However, Daniel is frustrated that some signs have been moved or taken by people without consulting him. Tig admitted to moving and modifying a few signs to correct inaccurate trail names, citing liability concerns from the previous lawsuit. Tom clarified that Daniel prefers people discuss signage issues with him directly instead of taking matters into their own hands. Daniel has prepared 80 new nameplates to add more information to existing signposts. The group agreed to refrain from modifying signs without Daniel's approval going forward.

Trail Work Management and Solutions

The team discussed the challenges and potential solutions for managing trail work on Hornby Island. They considered the idea of having a trail work manager course to certify core volunteers, ensuring safety and efficiency. The possibility of engaging transient workers during the summer months was also discussed, with a focus on non-dry season tasks such as carpentry and rock work. The team agreed to be more active in the summer, with plans to undertake projects like reopening the chute on Spasm Chasm. The importance of maintenance tasks like raking loose gravel was also highlighted.

Guidance on New Features

The team discussed the need for guidance on building new features, particularly in adhering to the Whistler standard for elevated structures. They considered hiring a trail builder or a woodwork expert to provide lessons and guidance. The idea of inviting a local builder, such as Cory from Mountain City Cycles, was well-received.

Aiden's Van on Crown Land

The meeting discussed the issue of a man named Aiden who has been living in a van on Crown land near a creek crossing, causing concerns among the community. The regional district has no authority over the land, but the Ministry of Natural Resources was suggested as a potential contact. The group considered submitting multiple complaints to the natural resource officer to apply public pressure. However, it was noted that the officer's ability to enforce action is limited to levying fines. The community is also working on ways to assist Aiden in leaving the area. The safety of the bridge near Aiden's van was discussed, with some members expressing concern about its safety. The regional director, Daniel Arbor, was mentioned as being aware of the situation and doing what he can. The group concluded that the lack of enforcement ability within the province is a significant issue.

Board Elections

The election of Board members took place by acclamation. All existing board members were willing to run and were acclaimed.

The 2025 HIMBA Board of Directors consists of:

Jennefer Armstrong – President

Jayne Hays – Vice President

Peggy Kabush – Treasurer

Will Wood-McDonnell – Secretary

Rob White – Board Member

Tom Rutherford – Board Member

Taio Samuel – Board member

Cam Duke – Board Member

We are short one Board Member. We will look to recruit a 9th board member over the coming months.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45